



## Fact Sheet

### Water Use Efficiency Rule

# Implementation Schedule

July 2006

DOH PUB. #331-340  
(Revised)

## Background

The proposed draft water use efficiency rule lays out many new requirements for municipal water suppliers. Below is a summary of the schedule for when the new requirements would become effective. For more details on the specific requirements, please see the Fact Sheet *Overview of the Proposed Draft Rule – How to Get Involved*, DOH PUB 331-302.

## Implementation Schedule for Municipal Water Suppliers:

### By September 15, 2006

- Adopt water use efficiency rule (the rule goes into effect 30-days after adoption.)

### By December 31, 2006

- Begin recording data to include in planning documents and performance reports.

### By July 1, 2007

#### *Water systems with 1,000 or more total connections must:*

- Set initial water use efficiency goals.

### By December 31, 2007

#### *Water systems with 1,000 or more total connections must:*

- Meet water use efficiency planning requirements in water system plans and small water system management programs.

### By July 1, 2008

#### *Water systems with 1,000 or more total connections must:*

- Develop and send the first water use efficiency performance report.
- Deliver initial performance report to customers and the Department of Health, and make available to the public.
- For those systems not fully metered, submit metering installation schedules to the Department of Health.

## Water Use Efficiency Rule Schedule

July 2006 – Mail proposed rule

August 2006 – Public hearings

August to September 2006 – Review  
formal comments & finalize rule

September 2006 – Adopt rule

October 2006 – Effective date



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**By December 31, 2007**

***Water systems with less than 1,000 total connections must:***

- Meet water use efficiency planning requirements in water system plans and small water system management programs.

**By July 1, 2008**

***Water systems with less than 1,000 total connections must:***

- Set initial water use efficiency goals.

**By July 1, 2009**

***Water systems with less than 1,000 total connections must:***

- Develop and send the first water use efficiency performance report.
- Deliver initial performance report to customers and the Department of Health, and make available to the public.
- For those systems not fully metered, submit metering installation schedules to the Department of Health.

**For More Information**

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